

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A method in a primary data processing system for managing a catalog, the method comprising:
 - sending a catalog and user information to a plurality of secondary data processing systems located in a network data processing system;
 - allocating inventory associated with the catalog to the plurality of secondary data processing systems;
 - receiving an order from one of the plurality of secondary data processing systems;
 - and
 - processing the order, in response to receiving the order.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
 - sending an update to the catalog to the plurality of secondary data processing systems.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
 - receiving a request to reallocate the inventory from a particular secondary data processing system within the plurality of secondary data processing systems;
 - identifying a reallocation of the inventory in response to receiving the request;
 - and
 - sending messages to each secondary data processing system involved in the reallocation of the inventory.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the request to allocate the inventory is received from the particular secondary data processing system upon a detection of a condition by the secondary data processing system.
5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the condition is a threshold.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
periodically obtaining necessary shopping cart data from at least one secondary data processing system within the plurality of secondary data processing systems; and
forwarding the necessary shopping cart data to other secondary data processing systems within the plurality of secondary data processing systems.
7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein a secondary data processing system within the plurality of secondary data processing systems periodically obtains necessary shopping cart data from a particular secondary data processing system within a plurality of secondary data processing systems; and forwards the necessary shopping cart data to other secondary data processing systems within the plurality of secondary data processing systems.
8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the catalog is sent in a markup language document.
9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the markup language is extensible markup language.
10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
detecting a presence of another secondary data processing system; and
sending the catalog to the another secondary data processing system in response to detecting the presence.
11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of secondary data processing systems are located within a network data processing system.
12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the network data processing system is at least one of a wide area network, an intranet, and the Internet.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the catalog is a first catalog, the inventory is a first inventory, and further comprising:
 sending a second catalog to a second plurality of secondary data processing systems; and
 allocating the second inventory to be associated with the second catalog to the second plurality of secondary data processing systems.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein a particular item is present in the first catalog and the second catalog.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein a selected secondary server is part of the first plurality of secondary servers and the second plurality of secondary servers.

16-31. (Canceled)

32. (Previously Presented) A data processing system for managing a catalog, the data processing system comprising:
 sending means for sending a catalog and user information to a plurality of secondary data processing systems located in a network data processing system;
 allocating means for allocating inventory associated with the catalog to the plurality of secondary data processing systems;
 receiving means for receiving an order from one of the plurality of secondary data processing systems; and
 processing means for processing the order, in response to receiving the order.

33. (Previously Presented) The data processing system of claim 32, wherein the sending means is a first sending means and further comprising:
 second sending means for sending an update to the catalog to the plurality of secondary data processing systems.

34. (Previously Presented) The data processing system of claim 32, wherein the receiving means is a first receiving means, the sending means is a first sending means and further comprising:

second receiving means for receiving a request to reallocate the inventory from a particular secondary data processing system within the plurality of secondary data processing systems;

identifying means for identifying a reallocation of the inventory in response to receiving the request; and

third sending means for sending messages to each secondary data processing system involved in the reallocation of the inventory.

35. (Previously Presented) The data processing system of claim 34, wherein the request to allocate the inventory is received from the particular secondary data processing system upon a detection of a condition by the secondary data processing system.

36. (Previously Presented) The data processing system of claim 35, wherein the condition is a threshold.

37. (Previously Presented) The data processing system of claim 32 further comprising:

obtaining means for periodically obtaining necessary shopping cart data from at least one secondary data processing system within the plurality of secondary data processing systems to primary data processing system; and

forwarding means for forwarding the necessary shopping cart data to other secondary data processing systems within the plurality of secondary data processing systems.

38. (Previously Presented) The data processing system of claim 37, wherein a secondary data processing system within the plurality of secondary data processing systems periodically obtains necessary shopping cart data from a particular secondary data processing system within a plurality of secondary data processing systems; and

forwards the necessary shopping cart data to other secondary data processing systems within the plurality of secondary data processing systems.

39. (Previously Presented) The data processing system of claim 32, wherein the catalog is sent in a markup language document.

40. (Previously Presented) The data processing system of claim 39, wherein the markup language is extensible markup language.

41. (Previously Presented) The data processing system of claim 32, wherein the sending means is a first sending means and further comprising:
detecting means for detecting a presence of another secondary data processing system; and

fourth sending means for sending the catalog to the another secondary data processing system in response to detecting the presence.

42. (Previously Presented) The data processing system of claim 32, wherein the plurality of secondary data processing systems are located within a network data processing system.

43. (Previously Presented) The data processing system of claim 42, wherein the network data processing system is at least one of a wide area network, an intranet, and an Internet.

44. (Previously Presented) The data processing system of claim 32, wherein the catalog is a first catalog, the inventory is a first inventory, the sending means is a first sending means, the allocating means is a first allocating means and further comprising:
fifth sending means for sending a second catalog to a second plurality of secondary data processing systems; and
second allocating means for allocating the second inventory to associated with the second catalog to the second plurality of secondary data processing systems.

45. (Previously Presented) The data processing system of claim 44, wherein a particular item is present in the first catalog and the second catalog.

46. (Previously Presented) The data processing system of claim 44, wherein a selected secondary server is part of the first plurality of secondary servers and the second plurality of secondary servers.

47-73. (Canceled)